IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A device for sealing a hole in a blood vessel, comprising:

a ring;

a plurality of spikes extending from said ring, towards a center of said ring and to a first direction along an axis of said ring, said spikes being adapted for engaging a blood vessel; and

a plurality of tabs extending substantially radially from said ring,

wherein rotating said tabs around said ring distorts said ring such that said spikes are rotated in a same direction as said tabs and push together blood vessel lips of a hole in a blood vessel mounted on said spikes, to close a hole in said blood vessel.

2. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said device is comprised of a super-elastic material.

3. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said spikes are curved.

4. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said tabs and said spikes are attached in pairs of one spike and one tab at a plurality of locations along the circumference of said ring, such that the device includes a same number of tabs as spikes.

5. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said tabs and said spikes are not attached at same locations along the circumference of said ring.

6. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said spikes are evenly arranged around the circumference of said ring.

7. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said ring has a resting state in a shape of a circle.

8. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said ring has a resting state in a shape of an ellipse with a large ratio between the length of its two axes.

9. (Original) A device according to claim 8, wherein said spikes are arranged on opposing sides of said ellipse

10. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said spikes are substantially perpendicular to a plane defined by said ring.

11. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said spikes are slanted in a same direction relative to a plane defined by said ring.

12. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said ring is radially expandable.

13. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of spikes comprises two spikes.

14. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of spikes comprises three spikes.

15. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of spikes comprises five spikes.

16. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of spikes comprises no more than six spikes.

17. (Currently amended) A cannula having mounted thereon a hole closure device for sealing a hole in a blood vessel, the hole closure device comprising:

a ring;

a plurality of spikes extending from said ring, towards a center of said ring and to a first direction along an axis of said ring, said spikes being adapted for engaging a blood vessel; and

a plurality of tabs extending substantially radially from said ring.

wherein rotating said tabs around said ring distorts said ring such that said spikes are rotated in a same direction as said tabs and push together blood vessel lips of a hole in a blood vessel mounted on said spikes, to close a hole in said blood vessel ~~according to claim 1~~.

18. (Original) A cannula according to claim 17, wherein said cannula comprises an aortic cannula.

19. (Original) A cannula according to claim 17, wherein said cannula comprises a femoral cannula.

20. (Currently amended) A vascular port having mounted thereon a hole closure device for sealing a hole in a blood vessel, the hole closure device comprising:

a ring;

a plurality of spikes extending from said ring, towards a center of said ring and to a first direction along an axis of said ring, said spikes being adapted for engaging a blood vessel; and

a plurality of tabs extending substantially radially from said ring,

wherein rotating said tabs around said ring distorts said ring such that said spikes are rotated in a same direction as said tabs and push together blood vessel lips of a hole in a blood vessel mounted on said spikes, to close a hole in said blood vessel ~~according to claim 1~~.

21-42. (Cancelled)

43. (Original) A device for sealing a hole, comprising:

an undulating ring having a plurality of inwards pointing portions and a plurality of outwards pointing portions; and

a plurality of spikes, wherein said spikes extend towards a center of said ring from portions of said ring intermediate said inwards and said outwards pointing portions.

44. (Original) A device according to claim 43, wherein said device is formed of a single piece of sheet metal, without heat treatment after forming.

45. (Currently amended) Aa device according to claim 43, wherein said device is super-elastic.

46. (New) A device according to claim 1, wherein the ring comprises a closed ring located substantially entirely in a single plane.

47. (New) A device according to claim 1, wherein the outer perimeter of the ring is substantially entirely convex.

48. (New) A device according to claim 1, wherein said spikes are substantially perpendicular to a plane defined by said ring, at their meeting point with the ring.

49. (New) A device according to claim 1, wherein the ring is adapted to allow rotation of the tabs.

50. (New) A device according to claim 1, wherein the device is sized and shaped such that rotation of the tabs closes a hole in a blood vessel mounted on the spikes.

51. (New) A method for sealing a hole in a blood vessel, comprising:

providing a device including:

a ring;

a plurality of spikes extending from said ring, towards a center of said ring and to a first direction along an axis of said ring, said spikes being adapted for engaging a blood vessel; and

a plurality of tabs extending substantially radially from said ring;

mounting lips of a hole in a blood vessel on the spikes; and

rotating the tabs around the ring, so as to distort said ring such that said spikes are rotated in a same direction as said tabs and the tabs push together the blood vessel lips and close the hole in said blood vessel.

52. (New) A method according to claim 51, wherein rotating the tabs comprises releasing a hold of the tabs and allowing the tabs to move due to elasticity of the device.